

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

7. (Amended) The optical glass of claim 5 [or 6], which contains, by % by weight, 6 to 9 % of SiO<sub>2</sub>, 9 to 12 % of B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 0 to 5 % of GeO<sub>2</sub> and has an SiO<sub>2</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and GeO<sub>2</sub> total content of 16 to 19 % by weight.

11. (Amended) The optical glass of claim 9 [or 10], which has a glass composition comprising, by % by weight, 3 to 10 % of SiO<sub>2</sub>, 7 to 15 % of B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 0 to 5 % of GeO<sub>2</sub>, 0 to 15 % of ZnO, 30 to 60 % of La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 0 to 30 % of Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 0 to 10 % of Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 0 to 5 % of Yb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 2 to 8 % of ZrO<sub>2</sub> and 13 to 19 % of Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, wherein the total content of SiO<sub>2</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and GeO<sub>2</sub> is 14 to 20 % by weight, the total content of B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and ZnO is at least 9 % by weight and the total content of La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Yb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is 50 to 60 % by weight, and further wherein the total content of the above components exceeds 95 % by weight and the glass composition contains 0 to 1 % by weight of Li<sub>2</sub>O and 0 to 3 % by weight of Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>.

13. (Amended) The optical glass of claim 11 [or 12], which contains, by % by weight, 6 to 9 % of SiO<sub>2</sub>, 9 to 12 % of B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 0 to 5 % of GeO<sub>2</sub> and has an SiO<sub>2</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and GeO<sub>2</sub> total content of 16 to 19 % by weight.

17. (Amended) A glass preform made of the optical glass recited in claim 1[, 9, 10 or 14].

18. (Amended) An optical product made of the optical glass recited in claim 1[, 9, 10 or 14].